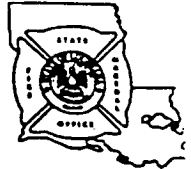




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STATE FIRE MARSHAL

MEMORANDUM

MAY 4, 1998

TO: FIRE MARSHAL PERSONNEL

FROM: V.J. BELLA *VJB*
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

RE: PAYMENT OF UNIVERSITY COURSE WORK

As you are aware, the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement and Building Safety has in the past been able to compensate employees for University course work when requested in advance. The course work had to relate directly to the job and had to be requested in advance. It has been brought to my attention that travel monies have been expended for this purpose. These are the same funds that are used to pay for day to day travel of the employees and for the training of employees by attendance at seminars.

As most of you know, I place a high premium on training. However, I do not feel that the money we expend in order to train a single individual in university course work is the highest and best use for the travel money dollar. We can likely train more people with the dollars presently spent on university course work. Therefore, be advised that this office will no longer compensate employee expenses for attendance at university courses. While we will encourage you to expand your knowledge through pursuit of a college degree, we will not pay for the education. This will free up more dollars to train a greater number of our employees.

VJB:eg

c: Jerry Jones
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